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Work With New Community Earns Monsignor Linder Governor's Gold Medal Award

Each month **The Clarion** tries to bring to its readers news of good, positive things which are happening in Newark. The catalyst for many of these accomplishments is a person who prefers to remain behind the scenes for the most part, Monsignor William J. Linder. But this month he cannot, for he was singled out by Governor Thomas H. Kean for the Governor's **GOLD MEDAL AWARD**...the highest individual honor the State can give.

Governor Kean has long been

What kind of person can persevere for more than 25 years in the never ending struggle of life in the inner city of Newark, where the only thing in abundance is need?

We here at New Community know Father Linder as a many faceted man, much like a diamond whose beauty is created by the complexity of its structure.

With the children he is gentle, yet firm and encouraging. The elderly bring out his compassion and reveal also an anger and disappointment at a system of health care which has not kept up with the times. Their suffering spurs him on to even greater efforts on their behalf. He has made the dignity of every human being the foundation of New Community — no one is overlooked from cradle to grave.

NCC President Arthur Wilson who has worked for many years with Father Linder was delighted with the award. "None can be more deserving of such an honor than Father Bill. He has devoted his life to living the greatest commandment — loving one's neighbor as himself. His vision which has helped so many has inspired us all."

Father is a creative man. When Babyland was first conceived — so mothers could work or go to school — they needed bigger quarters where they could give better care. Since housing was Father's project at the time, he expanded the idea to include renovating an old store which Mary Smith, the founder of Babyland, had located. The fledgling New Community had a small office on the second floor. Mrs. Cecilia Faulks was the only employee in the office and today is New Community's Director of Human Resources. "Having worked with Monsignor Linder since 1969 and becoming an NCC employee in 1973," she said, "I have really seen his ideas and dreams become reality. But that reality has only come about



Msgr. William Linder

aware of Father's work in housing and for day care and social programs for inner city residents, and has himself helped along the way.

"Father Linder represents the highest standard of serving others, giving of himself to the cause of building a better quality of life for everyone," Kean said as he personally made the award. "His dedication to his community and his untiring efforts have touched the lives of thousands and have brought happiness to those lives."



Pictured at the groundbreaking of New Community Homes in 1974, the first family housing created by New Community, are left to right, Harry Wheeler, Reverend William Linder, Willie Wright, and Bill Blakely.

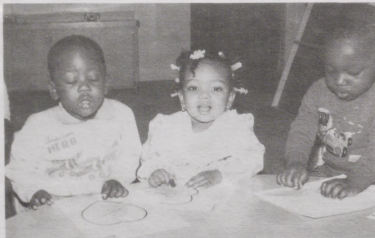
through his strong determination to improve the quality of life for the people of this City."

Father Linder came to Newark after his ordination in 1963 and was

assigned as a parish priest to Queen of Angels. He is now pastor of St. Rose of Lima in Newark. One of Father's greatest assets is the belief that people

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A Surprise For Valentine's Day



Will you be my Valentine?

Memorial Scholarship Dinner Benefits Youth Of NCC



Sister Connie accepts award from Edna Davis.

NC Gardens Seniors was the site of this year's Annual Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Dinner for the benefit of the youth of NCC. Lovely black, white and red decor-

tions transformed the community room into a banquet hall. NC Gardens had been the site of the first annual scholarship dinner seven

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NCC Employment Center

Jobtalk

by John Bins

Getting Started On A Job Search

Continued from January

Employers prefer job candidates with experience in the same job, because they will learn the job more quickly. Also the new worker knows what they are getting into and is less likely to be dissatisfied. Because employers are like that, it is wise to put your first emphasis in job hunting in the field in which you've had the best experience.

That is why changing careers should be done while you're still employed. At the least finding the opportunity will take much longer. You will need to offer substantial extra values to offset the lack of specific experience. Often this means extra training which will also show commitment to the new field. And still the new worker can expect to start near the bottom and spend more time learning.

Even in the same career path the closer the previous experience is to the new job the happier the employer will be. That's why it's important to check with previous employers (or present employers) for openings. The next best job prospects may be at the competitors of the employer. There may even be an identical job there.

So, if you're a secretary in a real estate office and have good clerical skills, it's true that you could be a secretary anywhere, but your first place to look for a secretarial opening or other opening in a real estate office. And the next best might be a finance or mortgage company or the office of an insurance agent.

Those are only the first places to look. The job search should be as broad as necessary to get a job. It should be broadened geographically before looking in other fields. What I mean is that our secretary should consider driving to Parisippany rather than change fields, or if he/she has no car, should consider traveling to New York City before considering a career change. There are a million jobs in New York within walking distance of the Path train and only a few less within walking distance of the Port Authority Bus Terminal there. It's our best kept secret for job opportunities.

Everybody would like to work around the corner from where they live. But, as I said to a job applicant who wanted a job that did not require a bus change, "Except for fast food stores, only a small percent of the job openings in the city are on your bus line. You've got to branch out to give yourself a better chance of finding a

job within a reasonable time."

In any case, it is important to be able to meet the basic requirements of the job. Some have educational or skill requirements. Typing is a requirement for office workers to have any job security. For many jobs 45 words per minute is sufficient and many of the better jobs require a high school diploma or equivalent, secretarial school or college.

When We Make A Good Match Everyone Benefits

Clinton Square Auto Parts in Newark is one of the largest auto parts warehouses in New Jersey, employing 125 people in its office and warehouse. The relationship between New Community Employment Center and Clinton Square goes back more than five years and has been one of the most enduring for the Employment Center which is only five years and a few months old.

Mr. Dick Diese of Clinton Square phoned us back in February of 1985 seeking a maintenance worker who



Percy Gaskins

could be relied on to clean their offices and warehouses, come to work with regularity and stay with them a while. When employment counselor Patti DeLuca introduced Percy Gaskins to him, Percy was hired immediately.

Percy was given a blue uniform and a tool cart and was set to work. When we checked back two months later Mr. Diese said, "We've got the right person. Percy has a job here for the rest of his life." Thus far that comment has proven prophetic. And Percy is pleased as punch. He likes the work, he likes the people and he likes to be working. With his fifth anniversary coming up, Clinton Square still values his contribution.

The office Mr. Diese manages has clerical workers doing everything from checking inventory to handling billing and receivables. Over the years he has dealt with a number of our Employment Center counselors

So in career planning, the first objective is to establish the type of career to pursue, learn what the requirements are for different jobs and then decide how to get the entry level requirements.

Once that is accomplished, the objective of the job seeker is to get interviews in the selected fields — and the next Jobtalk will move us along in that direction.

and finds them friendly, accommodating, dedicated and persistent. He has hired many office workers we selected to meet his tight standards. When we phoned him last spring he said he'd be glad to interview Lorna Pryce. Lorna had moved here from Jamaica a year or two before and had attended an office skills training program. Employment counselor Mary Bins noted that she had excellent math skills but had not acquired any substantial typing skills, an essential for most office job openings — but not necessarily at Clinton Square.

When he talked with Lorna, Mr. Diese was impressed. Although he did not have an opening in his department, he introduced her to Mr. Brian Walsh who heads up the Industrial Government/Export department and he and Ms. Carol Green interviewed her — and hired her. She's doing a great job they say. "She thinks before she does things," says Mr. Walsh, "and she's planning for everyone." Ms. Green calls her "The



Lorna Pryce pictured with supervisor Carol Green.

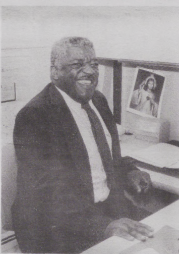
Lorna is a billing clerk and customer service person taking orders

Our First Retiree:

Archibald "Archie" Williams

Retirement is the goal of most as they contribute their talents over the years, for almost everyone has a need to relax and do special things to fill a few of the dreams they have...and Archibald "Archie" Williams, New Community's relocation fieldworker is no exception. He felt the time had come to move into a "slower lane" and retired at year's end.

Archie is special, for he is a rare individual who inevitably wears a welcoming smile and makes every one he meets feel better. He was born in Newark and his knowledge of the peo-

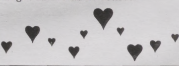


Archibald Williams

ple and the city provided a unique expertise in his position which even earned him a B.A. in Sociology and Education could not have given him. He will be missed.

He will be remembered also as a person who enjoyed his family. He and his wife Vernelle have been married for 36 years and their four children live nearby, so they get to enjoy their grandchildren often.

The children are fortunate to have such a warm and loving father and grandfather and we wish Archie a bright future as he retires.



over the phone and solving customers' problems. She says, "We're a team here. We work together. We help each other." She certainly likes her work.

When we make a good match...everyone benefits.

— by John Bins

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ple must be responsible for their own destiny and as he listened to his people's problems he saw the potential for leadership among them and tapped into it to seek solutions. New Community is the result.

One of his favorite sayings is, "If you give a man a fish you feed him for a day. If you teach him how to fish you feed him for a lifetime."

Madge Wilson of New Community Management met him at Queens and has been working with him ever since. She remembers him as "a teacher, a wonderful inspiration to all." She admires him still today and "gets her energy" from him. He has given her good ideas, she told us, and she has seen the benefits he has sown and reaped for the people of the community, where he is well loved.

The vice-president of New Community Board of Trustees, Joseph Chaneyfield, was also in the parish at the time and a leader in a local union. His dedication to the people did not escape Father's eye and another person was encouraged to tackle the difficult task of improving the destiny of his community. According to Joe, "Father really earned that medal. He certainly was a role model and no one else in the community had his kind of vision. He was the one who felt strongly that we should be living in something different (than 13 story, non-functioning, public housing); that we had to try something different for the sake of the people."

But Father did not only get others to work as Dr. Paul Kearney, the Medical Director of Babyland Nursery recalled. "There are many surprises in anyone's life but, I suppose for me, the first time that I met Father Linder was singular. It was on a Saturday afternoon and he was putting down wall-to-wall carpet at Babyland I, which was soon to open. It was not too long after the riots of the 1960's. I will not try to describe the shambles of Newark, nor will I try to explain the miracle of Newark that was yet to come."

"It was a difficult time for all in that the infants and children had no

immunizations. (Dr. Kearney came down every free day he had to administer to the new Babylanders, and is still caring for the people here today.) I didn't expect to see a priest working on his hands and knees and it was humbling and a good lesson. As you know, Babyland was a success and now we have five day care centers."

"I don't think Father Linder had a vision. I think that housing was a primary concern and he went step by step and now, just look around. His imprimatur is on that which was needed for the homeless, for the crippled, for the elderly, and for nursing home care. It is inevitable that such accomplishments would be recognized by the State of New Jersey. Governor Thomas Kean, even when he was in the assembly, and certainly like Governor Hughes when he was Governor, was most supportive of Bill Linder. All of us are most grateful for the honors given to Monsignor," said Dr. Kearney with a sense of pride.

Father is a hard taskmaster to workers and to those from whom he is seeking help, for there is so much to be done - yet no one works harder, and there is no better time to do what must be done than now. But his dedication inspires us to walk that extra mile without hesitation.

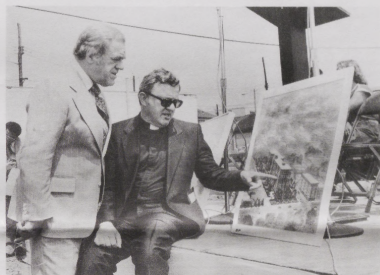
Father is not afraid to break new ground. Social programs for people needed warm-hearted individuals to plan and develop them and Father knew the capacity for leadership hidden so often in women. That's when he invited an old friend, Sister Anastasia Hearn, to come see what New Community was all about. She had worked with him in planning and development in the Archdiocese and was the Assistant to the Chancellor at the time. She now guides our Social Services Department.

Sister was always struck by Father's stick-to-it-iveness. "He went after what he thought was good for the people and fought for it. When times get tough he still sticks to his ideas because he knows it's right for the good of the people. New Com-

munity has given leadership roles to women because of their ability to do the job as a result of Father's beliefs," she told us.

Sister holds Father responsible for bringing the first women into the Archdiocese in a leadership capacity. Perhaps one of the greatest marks of a leader and role model is his concern for others and a desire to better not his own life with riches but the lives of all of God's people without discrimination. In this Father Linder has succeeded, for his work has touched thousands of people from helpless children with AIDS to Governors, from the elderly poor to the affluent suburban friends who are so generous of their time and their blessings to all of New Community.

We are richer in a very special way for having met him and we thank Governor Kean for recognizing the work of Father Linder in such a very special way with THE GOVERNOR'S GOLD MEDAL AWARD... The Pride of New Jersey.



Why Catholic Schools?

The Catholic school pursues cultural goals and the natural development of youth to the same degree as any other school. What makes the Catholic school distinctive is its attempt to generate a community climate in the school. It tries to guide the adolescents in such a way that personality development goes hand in hand with the good news of salvation — so that the light of faith will illumine everything that students will gradually come to learn about the world, about life, and about the human person. What makes a Catholic School distinctive is its religious dimension, and that this is to be found in the educational climate, the personal development of each student, the relationship between culture and the Gospel, and the illumination of all knowledge with the light of faith.

Catholic schools in general have value consistency and are grounded in a reassuring community. This beneficial community provides common norms and values. The primary foundational community for most children however is the family. Children benefit from the strong relationships between themselves and their parents and/or extended family members. The implication is clear. Parents must demonstrate interest in and concern for their children by keeping track of school progress, knowing where their children are and what they are doing, talking to them about personal and spiritual matters, and involving them in social activities.

The Catholic School provides the opportunity for the creation of a second very strong supportive community among the parents, staff and students associated with the school. The foundation of this community is derived from several sources. The first source is the religious nature of

the school. This provides the school with its unique mission and makes it an attractive educational alternative to members of the community from which it springs.

The second source of this functional community is the commitment of the teachers who choose to work in the school. Many do so because of the type of environment in the school and their desire to minister to the faith community there.

The third source is the shared values of the parents who send their children to the school. Parents have specific expectations regarding the quality of the school's academic program and value-centered curriculum whose focal point is the formal program of religious education. The Catholic school acts as an extension of the family in that it supports the religious and academic norms of the parents who select the school.

As members of this community on which the school is founded, parents are encouraged to be fully involved in the life of the school. Good relations between parents and teachers contribute to the fullness of the child's education. The child develops best who finds love and care both at home and at school.

Saint Rose of Lima is a parish school, serving the community of Roselle since 1891. Saint Rose of Lima is an alternative school recognizing the unique needs and cultural differences of the urban student. Saint Rose of Lima is a Catholic school communicating the total Gospel message of freedom and justice.

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Registration for the 1990-91 academic year is scheduled for February 5th-15th. Please call Saint Rose of Lima School (481-5382) for further information.

An Introduction To School

On Tuesday, January 23, 1990, Babyland Nursery visited Saint Rose of Lima School. Their first stop was the Kindergarten class. They received a warm welcome as they sat back and listened to a lesson taught by teacher Ms. Wise and teacher's aide,

The children were then escorted down to the auditorium where they were served refreshments. They were also able to learn more about our school. Packets of information were sent home with the children explaining what our school had to offer in



Mrs. Ross leads Ms. Wise's kindergarten class and Fat Albert's group in a song and dance.

Ms. Carey. Then the children were able to join in songs and games led by our Music teacher, Mrs. Emily Ross which they enjoyed very much. We thanked them for being able to spend time with us.

helping to better their education.

We really want to thank Babyland Nursery and the children for letting us show them that school can be fun as well as educational.

Ms. Carey

Breakfast With Santa

The room was filled with a sound of little voices squealing with joy and laughter as the children caught their first glimpse of Jolly Old Saint Nick clad in red and white, ringing his bell and shouting 'Ho! Ho! Ho!' in the auditorium of St. Rose of Lima School.

Three years ago Saint Rose started a tradition whereby Santa would come to spend the morning with the children taking individual photos with them, that could be taken home as a memento. Parents and children enjoyed the idea of having photos with Santa right in their own school.

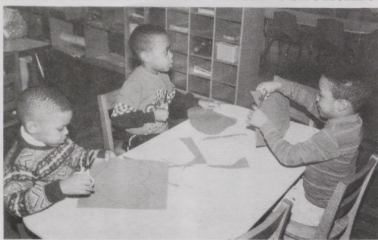
Last year our lower grades, kindergarten through third, travelled to a nearby McDonald's to enjoy "Breakfast with Santa." This year we brought both events together and photos with Santa was expanded to include "Breakfast with Santa" right

in our own home ground. All enjoyed a pancake breakfast provided by our own neighborhood McDonald's whose manager stated that they would be pleased to become involved in other events planned during this year.

Santa smiled as he reached into his bag and gave a piece of candy to each child as they mounted the stairs to sit next to him. Santa was provided by one of our parents, Mr. Barnes I. Nowlin, Sr. who had a day off from work. Mr. Nowlin stated "I could not have spent my day off any better. Santa needs lots of helpers." It was fun.

The children almost sang their goodbyes to Santa as they left the auditorium with the same enthusiasm with which they entered. Good-bye Santa, Good-bye Santa. The morning proved to be fun for everyone.

Hard At Work For Their Valentine



Valentine's Day gives these little Babylanders an opportunity to sharpen up their scissors skills.

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years ago. Since that time, each of the NC Senior Buildings has taken a turn hosting this event.

As the evening's program got under way, Gerry Prince, building manager, led everyone in song. Edna Gillins of Gardens Seniors welcomed about 130 residents and guests, mainly representatives from the other NC Senior Buildings, to her home, and Edna Davis, offered the blessing.

Director of Security James DuBose gave an inspiring talk on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream, the early days of the Civil Rights movement,



Jim DuBose gives inspiring speech.

and his own participation in it. At the end of his reflections he played excerpts from a tape of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech. Some Participants in the children's After School Program did a dramatic recitation of the Civil Rights Leader's life. Afterwards Sr. Connie accepted a \$500.00 scholarship check from Ed-



New Community Tenant Arthur Lipscomb sings along with songs led by Gerry Prince.

na Davis, President of the 265 Club. The anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday recalls for us his dream and his vision. It was a dream rooted in his faith in God and in the Hebrew prophet's vision of a kingdom of peace and justice for all nations of the earth.

This year's celebration is again a summons to realize this dream in

Black History Notes

Researched By James E. DuBose

Largest Trial In The History Of The United States November 1, 1917

The largest murder trial in the history of the United States occurred during the court martialing of 64 members of the all black 24th Infantry Regiment for mutiny and murder of 17 people in Houston, Texas, on August 23, 1917.

The men were part of a group of approximately 150 black soldiers of the 24th stationed at Fort Sam Houston who failed to make roll call and were therefore presumed to have been part of a race riot that took place on that morning.

The men of the 24th Infantry Regi-

hundred armed black soldiers went to town and went on a two hour rampage in which they killed fifteen whites and Hispanic Americans and wounded twelve. The group went to the police station looking for police officers Sparks who was not there. However, before it was over four of his fellow officers were shot to death.

The court-martial which convened at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, charged sixty-three persons with mutiny in time of war, as well as premeditated murder. The same court found fifty-four men guilty of

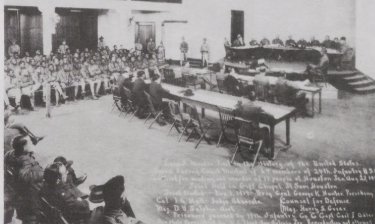


Photo taken at the trial on November 1, 1917.

ment after having served two tours in the Philippines resented returning to the same old Jim Crow practices, constantly being called niggers, and resented overall white hostility.

On the morning of August 23rd, one of the soldiers objected to a white policeman from the Houston Police Force beating a black woman he was arresting. He was suddenly beaten up by the policeman and arrested. When a corporal, Charles W. Baltimore, one of a group of black military policemen who patrolled the streets to steer black fellow soldiers away from trouble arrived, he questioned the arresting officer as to where the soldier was. The white police officer whose name was Lee Sparks, began abusing the corporal, then attacking him. As the soldier fled the scene he was shot at by Sparks who eventually apprehended him and after beating him up arrested Corporal Baltimore.

Hearing about the beatings and the arrests of their two buddies, about a

both crimes and sentenced thirteen of them to hang; the others were confined to hard labor for the rest of their lives. Five men were set free, and four, judged guilty of lesser crimes, received sentences of at least two years.

Two hours before the court's decision however, on the morning of December 19, 1917, Corporal Charles Baltimore and twelve other men were hanged from a common gallows in an isolated part of Cam Francis, adjacent to Fort Sam Houston.

A second court-martial also held at Fort Sam Houston, meted out justice to fifteen men charged with leaving their posts where they were standing guard to take part in the mutiny. This proceeding convicted five soldiers of desertion and murder, ordered them hanged and found the other ten guilty of lesser crimes that carried sentences of from seven to ten years at hard labor.

Black History Display



Black History Month display shown at St. Joseph Plaza, compiled by Director of Security Jim DuBose whose hobby is researching Black History.

Black History Month

Some Moments Of Interest

To commemorate Black History Month the following is a list of moments of considerable intrinsic significance:

•1621—William Tucker becomes the first black child born in the American colonies. A native of Jamestown, Virginia, his birthright entails the same privileges of freedom and liberty enjoyed by the white children of the colony.

•1783—James Derham, born a slave in Philadelphia in 1762, becomes the first black physician in the United States. After learning medicine, while serving as an assistant to his master (a doctor by profession), Derham purchased his freedom in 1783, and went on to develop a thriving practice with both black and white clientele. By 1788, he was considered one of the leading physicians in New Orleans.

•1786—Lemuel Haynes, who served in the revolution as a minuteman, becomes the first black minister with a white congregation.

•1865—The selection of the first interracial jury in the country was for the trial of ex-confederate president, Jefferson Davis. On December 3, 1868, the case came to trial, but was dismissed by President Andrew Johnson's amnesty proclamation on December 25, 1868.

•1872—Records at the New York infirmary indicate that Dr. Rebecca Cole was the first black woman physician in the United States, having practiced from 1872 to 1881.

•1884—John Ray Lynch becomes the first black to preside over a national political convention, becoming temporary chairman of the Republican Party's national convention after being nominated by Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts.

•1968—Henry Lewis is the first black named director of an American orchestra (the Newark based New Jersey Symphony) ever appointed in the U.S.

•1970—Chris Dickerson becomes the first black man to win the "Mr. America," one of 15 body building titles Dickerson earned.

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Children And Seniors Share Their Day

When it comes to Nursing Homes, nothing is more looked for, and in truth, more enjoyed than visitation. Recently, for the second year, the sixth grade students from Saint Rose Grammar School in Short Hills came down to say "hello." We were pleased last year, but more so this year because, not only did they see many of the same residents, but they realized what they accomplished by singing to them and by giving a small gift.

The residents were given such a lift



Mrs. Vogt's sixth grade class from St. Rose of Lima, Short Hills, handed out gifts to the seniors as they caroled the halls of the New Community Extended Care Facility.

Symbols Of Hope From Short Hills

One hears much talk today about concern for future generations amid the temptations to grasp material goods as if there were nothing more in life.

A wonderful group of children from the affluent suburb of Short Hills proves that there is another side to the story.

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) students and their parents at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Short Hills spent many hours this Christmas season gathering together gifts of clothing, games and toys for the children at Babyland in Newark in order to share what they had with

by the presence of the children and the students showed a better understanding of what a Nursing Home is. The children got a valuable insight on the behavior of aging and associated disabilities common to advanced years.

But more so they saw happiness, an ability to cope with life and they left once again with a thought of how important it is, even with little things, to give the senior citizens — THEIR DAY.

Thank you Mrs. Vogt — and your students!



those who had less.

Their effort was above the ordinary however, showing sensitivity and awareness for the persons who would receive their gifts; each sparkled with colorful wrapping paper, beautiful bows and even labels. This was no hasty piece of work. These gifts had been chosen wrapped and delivered by loving hearts, not just hands — and it showed.

There is no adequate way to say thank you for your kindness and concern, except perhaps to tell you sincerely that you are the ones who give hope to our world.

101 Years Young

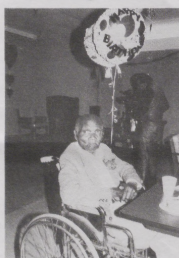
He's known throughout the faculty as "Papa Spruill." On Friday January 26, 1990 Mr. Joshua Spruill celebrated his 101st birthday with a birthday bash surrounded by family, peers, and employees. He has been a resident at New Community Extended Care Facility since March of 1986.

Joshua Spruill was born and raised in Scotlandneck, North Carolina where he worked as a fireman on the Atlantic Coastline Railroad. He is the proud father, grandfather and great grandfather of many.

Mr. Spruill attends various social and recreational activities. He especially enjoys the outdoors, and in warmer months can be found sitting in the sunshine in front of the facility.

Once again we at Extended Care wish you, Papa Spruill, a happy 101st Birthday and many more.

Denise Baker
Activities Coordinator



Joshua Spruill

Reflections:

Grandma Revisited

Sometimes one repeats him/herself as for the saying goes: "When you grow old three things happen — First, you lose your memory, and — I forget the other two." Being a Pediatrician and also a physician at a Nursing home, I am constantly reminded of the forbearance of the elderly, particularly their ability, their willingness to adjust, the acceptance of their lot, their gratefulness of little things, even a "Hello." You have to thank Medical Science, a good many of you, for an extended life expectancy. Back in 1850, you were lucky to make age 49.

The grandmothers whom I knew in practice as a Pediatrician, were strong and helpful to their grandchildren. What a story they weave in Newark and in other inner cities. With the advent of the single parent, grandma is a main theme — rearing, guiding, worrying about care, etc. In some ways it is sad (because they have already done their job) but there they are — all over again, trying and achieving.

There are, however, pitfalls to watch out for...special dangers for grandmas.

I must repeat what has been said before, "Remember if you are on chemotherapy for cancer, the chemotherapy destroys all the protection you normally would have against all the contagious diseases — measles, german measles, whooping cough, diphtheria and polio which were deadly in the old days in some cases." Just with changing a dirty diaper of



Dr. Paul
Kearney

a child who recently had the Oral Polio, if you are on chemotherapy for cancer, you could get Polio if you are not careful about hand washing.

All of us were so grateful when they came out with the vaccines in the 1950's. Life immune immunity, they said. Then we found kids in college coming down with measles and german measles, now we have children coming down in late grammar school with the disease. So be careful.

Rearing Is Also Different

Up to age 8, rearing is no great problem. We have excellent day care centers. My anxiety begins again, particularly in the inner city with these questions. "Where did you go after school?" "Who were you with?" "Where did you get that extra money?"

One must be intuitive; nosy is a good word. You never know what might be in his pocket. Get to know acquaintances and relatives who might band together to keep an eye out.

Parents and Grandmas, I tip my hat to all of you. Today every small accomplishment is good news.

Paul Kearney, M.D.
Medical Director
NC Extended Care Facility

Keeping The Dream Alive

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, New Community Extended Care Facility commemorated his birth with a day of thanks and praise for all his accomplishments. The day was centered around the theme of "Keeping the Dream Alive." Throughout the whole program, it was emphasized that each of us have within our powers to continue Dr. King's dream.

Several persons from the community volunteered their services to assure that the program was a success. Master of ceremonies was Mr. Albert Woodson. Prayer was delivered by Pastor Robert Gamble from Pentecostal Inspirational Baptist Church. Two inspiring selections were read by Robin Gamble and Kim Simpson. Mrs. Eva Holiday also read a moving poem entitled "Dr. King I Must Give Praise To You." The program ended with a message from Ron Burgess which emphasized the necessity to continue to strive for Dr. King's life long work.

We would like to thank all persons involved with this program for their time and consideration. Let us continue to work together to assure the dream of Dr. King stays alive.

Audrey Malone, D.M.D.

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The NCC Home Health Care Agency is proud to have Sharon Clark as part of the staff and name her "Nurse of the Month."

Congratulations Sharon and keep up the good work.



Sharon Clark



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Playground above, shown before occupancy, is now filled with happy children since the Harmony House program has begun.

On behalf of the families of New Community Harmony House, we would like to extend a heart-filled thank you to all who provide funds, toys, clothing and food during the Christmas season. Special thanks to:

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You brought much happiness into
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families.

Sharing Joy

For the third year in a row a group of kind hearted people who say they are just following their guru's teaching served a delicious vegetarian meal to anyone who came in to 140 S. Orange Avenue to eat on December 2nd. It is good to share what we have with others, they cheerfully remarked.

In the Indian tradition, a serving of food was placed before a large picture of their guru with candles burning in front of it. Those who shared the food and served it then shared in what was put for the guru after everyone had eaten.

It was a heartening sight to see the bright eyes and cheerful spirit of this group motivated by their love of people, especially their concern for the poor.

Sr. Kay Coll

Thank You Prudential

When a large strong hand reaches out to grasp a troubled one in the spirit of caring, it generates a glow in the hearts of both.

That is what Prudential Insurance Company in Newark did in effect when they reached out to the newly arrived residents of Harmony House this Christmas by sponsoring the tree

lighting ceremony. The cooperation and caring of such giants in the business field lifts the hearts of not only the homeless families themselves, but those working to help them attain a productive, dignified life.

There is nothing worse than thinking no one cares; thank God there are some who do.

Faithful Helpers

At the annual Christmas luncheon, Janet Kennedy and Lonzo Young were honored for their continued contributions - a small gesture that expressed our love for these parents whose actions reveal a large sense of pride and concern in and for their children.

During the meal, shared by the children, parents and staff, I mused on how much Janet and Lonzo have become involved in Babylond II. Beyond attending and participating in the various Parent-Skill Workshops and providing stability for their children, they have also extended themselves to the general welfare of the nursery. We recall the gentle disposition of Janet as she appears at the nursery with treats for the

children and her willingness to share in the discussions at the workshops, or her helpfulness in playing with the children and aiding with the clean-up process.

Both Janet and Lonzo are involved in the monthly Share Program picking-up, delivering and boxing the commodities. Lonzo's height lends to her handling things and reaching those out-of-the-way places. He has proven his painting skills by freshening the staff room where parent-child conferences take place and does on-the-spot repairs and maintenance.

We at Babylond II commend and appreciate the faithfulness of Janet Kennedy and Lonzo Young and we wish them and their families a very Happy New Year.

Sister M. Helene, ASC.

What Takes Away A Person's Home?

Ms. Frost, age 32, mother of two children, ages 16 and 7 now resides at New Community Harmony House. The Frost family became homeless in October of 1989. Ms. Frost recalls Newark city officials coming to her apartment on October 23rd, stating she had seven to ten days to vacate her residence, due to back taxes owed by her landlord. Ms. Frost was current with her rent, and was caught by surprise when informed that the landlord owed taxes. She was devastated.

Since October of 1989, Ms. Frost has been trying to find an affordable apartment for her family. After moving from place to place and unsuccessful attempts to find an apartment, Ms. Frost finally found no other

alternative but to move into a homeless hotel in Newark which she did on December 5th. "Life at the hotel was hell." She told of mistreatment of the residents which disturbed her.

"I did not choose to be homeless," stated Ms. Frost. "All I need is to be given the opportunity to advance myself. I plan to participate in the services provided at Harmony House because I believe this will help me stand on my own two feet. Being homeless is not easy, it is like having a disease."

Ms. Frost has a Graduate Equivalency Diploma (GED). She is interested in Computer training. She appears to be excited and hopeful about the future.

Quietly Pursuing Her Goal

Assisting Jim Rohrman in The Systems Department at St. Joseph Plaza is a quiet young lady by the name of Emma Solomon. Emma started as a data entry operator on October 25, 1989 after graduating with honors from Barringer High School in Newark in 1988.

"I love my job," says Emma. "I enjoy the work I do, love the people I work with and am inspired by the atmosphere," she said. She feels she is learning something new every day and calls that a prosperous start for the business world.

While at Barringer she was

nominated as "the quietest" in her class. Even here she is doing her work without fanfare.

Soon she will be attending Essex County College as a full time night student pursuing a business administration major, with a music minor. She hopes to complete her education at Jersey City State College and eventually own her own business or corporation.

At 19 that's quite a high goal and we hope all her plans go well. Emma balances her studying with hobbies which include dancing, shopping, exercising, sewing, math and music.



Emma Solomon works diligently at her computer terminal.

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Security Corner

Condolences

The Board of Directors and Staff of New Community extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Cpl. Sheila White Powell who passed away suddenly on January 25, 1990. Sheila worked for New Community for over seven years in the Security Department.

Officer Of The Month

Security Officer Marcella Simmons was selected Officer of the Month for January, 1990.

Simmons, a native of Orange, New Jersey and a four year veteran of the NCC Security Department, was selected as a result of her loyalty and unselfish dedication to duty. She is a no nonsense individual who pays attention to detail and one who is committed to doing a job and doing it well. Officer Simmons has done an outstanding job no matter what the assignment in a courteous and professional manner.

Officer Simmons attended A.B.I. (American Business Institute) upon graduation from Orange High School in 1980.

The NCC Department of Security congratulates Security Officer Simmons on her achievement.

Security Officer Simmons was

presented with a plaque from the New Community Corporation and the Katsinas Uniform Company of Newark, Co-sponsors of the program.

S/O Robert Booker Graduates From Newark Fire Academy

On January 19, 1990, Security Officer Robert Booker was a graduate of the 23rd Recruit Class of the Newark Fire Academy. Officer Booker attended six weeks of intensive training by day and at the same time was able to perform his duties as a NCC Security Officer by night.

Booker requested and was granted permission to maintain his present employment with the New Community Corporation as a result of his flexible work schedule with the Fire Department.

Aside from the monetary consideration, he likes working for the corporation and the camaraderie he enjoys with fellow Security Officers. He also stated he likes helping people. The latter is evident in view of the fact that he was chosen "Officer of the Month" in March 1989, and has accumulated five (5) commendations for Honorable Service over the three year period he has been with the Security Department.

Former NCC Security Youth Program Member Makes Good

On Thursday, January 11, 1990, Eugene Thomas, age 19, a former resident of New Community Corporation graduated from basic training at the United States Army Base at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Prior to his graduation, he was awarded two medals; the first was the sharp shooters medal and the second was for hand grenade throwing.

Eugene joined the Army in October, 1989. Before joining the military, he was a member of the NCC Security Youth Program, headed by the Director of Security James DuBose and Jim Rhorman, a systems analyst with the New Community Corporation. While a member of the program he and other members visited military installations such as the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C., West Point Military Academy in New York and the Intrepid Aircraft Carrier Museum berthed in New York Harbor, as well as other historical sites.

Upon his return home, he stated that the trips provided the motivation for his decision to enlist in the Army. In conversation, he related how tough the basic training was and how he often thought about giving up. He observed that the camaraderie he found among the other recruits was far better than the association he had with some of the neighborhood gang members he left behind. He also discovered that the disciplined environment the training presented to him helped him to develop from boy to manhood.

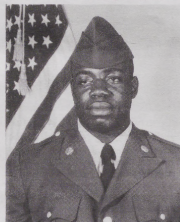
Eugene highly recommends that the Army or any other branch of service would be a good place for any troubled youth such as he was, to get it together. Eugene also stated that he is seriously thinking about making the military his career.

Eugene was told by a non-commissioned officer that his adjustment to Army life was so successful that he would make a good drill instructor (DI). This is readily understandable given his stature as a strapping six foot four, two hundred and forty pound impressive

individual.

His future plans include becoming a paratrooper, and he has already applied for airborne training. To top it off, he has expressed the desire to someday enter Officers Candidate School (OCS).

Eugene's mother, Mrs. Georgina Ransome, is extremely proud of his achievement. She is also grateful for the fact that she never gave up on her



Eugene Thomas

son, proving that a mother's love is a very special love, for she spent many sleepless nights worrying about him becoming a statistic. Those days are over now. His sister Michele has stated that she too is proud and has become inspired by his success.

The NCC Security Youth Program thinks highly of Eugene's Army record too. Jim Rhorman stated "that he had always felt deep inside that there was quality material in Eugene, and it took the United States Army to bring it to light."

But no one is prouder of his accomplishment than Eugene himself and for that we are all happy.

Little did Eugene know that in joining the Army he was following a long honored tradition of the Black Family as shown in the many Black History articles we have run.

"Way to go Eugene!"



With great pride, Marcella Simmons accepts her award from Jim DuBose Director of Security.

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Like Minds

When people gather to ring out the old year and ring in the new, they tend to review past accomplishments and make resolutions for the future. I am hoping that the 1990's will bring another decade of development for the NCC/Babyland/St. Rose of Lima Parish Network, and all that it stands for, a decade that will build on past accomplishments, solidify and extend them.

The U.N. published *The Declaration on the Right to Development* in 1986. It describes development as the inalienable right by virtue of which every human and all people are entitled to participate in, contribute to, and enjoy that level of economic, social, political and cultural development in which all human rights and fundamental freedoms can be fully realized.

The U.N. Declaration calls for equality of opportunity for all in access to basic resources, education, health services, food, housing, employment, and fair distribution of income. It also indicates that *appropriate economic and social reforms should be made with a view to eradicating social injustice*.

In 1986 this document was presented as a challenge to the entire world. In an interesting parallel however, eighteen years before, a small group of people from Queen of Angels Parish in Newark, drawing from their own experiences began an enterprise based on strikingly similar principles. Their environment had been practically destroyed by the racial disturbances the City was an economic disaster; and many of the people, especially the poor felt powerless.

As we begin a new decade of development it seems fitting to review the accomplishments set in motion by this group, noting the attainment of many of the goals espoused by the U.N. Declaration of 1986. Their record of 18 years work includes:

Economic Development:
— 700 employees (i.e. new jobs since 1988)
— \$100 million invested in real estate in the middle of what had been devastation.
— pays close to \$2 million per year in taxes to a blighted city.

Federal Credit Union established.
— possibility of first-time home ownership.

— collaboration with government agencies and large corporations.

Social Development:
— ongoing community development
— tenants' organizations established

— proposed recreation center
— working Social Services Department

— Restaurant, Sandwich Shop, Conference Center
— site for proposed Outward Bound experience.

Cultural Development:
— multi-ethnic parish
— celebrations of different ethnic groups within the network.

Political Development:
— voter education and registration lobbying efforts.

— collaboration with government officials and agencies.

— broad participation in election process
The Network which began as a dream in the ruins of a devastated city now offers equality of opportunity for all in access to:

Basic Resources

— 2300 units of low rent housing for Families and Seniors
— Social Services Department
— Credit Union
— Employment Center
— Family Violence Shelter

Education

— St. Rose of Lima alternative school, 350 students
— 500 children in 5 Day Care Centers including Headstart, abused, and HIV positive children.

— Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Fund

— Monsignor William J. Lindler Scholarship Fund.

— Parent/Child Program
— Leadership Development Institute

— Training program for Homeless mothers of families.

— Health Services

— Health Care Center

— Extended Care Facility

— Medical Day Care Program

— Home Health Care Program

— Homemaking Services

— Health Spa and Fitness Center

— Medical Transportation

— Annual Blood Drive

Food

— Pathmark Super Center (in construction)

— Congregate Nutrition Programs.

— Meals On Wheels

— Surplus Government Food Distribution

— Lunch Programs

— Sun-Up (out of school) Food Program

— Collaboration with local Food Bank

— SHARE Program

— Brown Bag Program

— Housing

— 5,000 residents in 2265 rental units

— Family Violence Shelter

— Harmony House Transitional Housing for 100+ homeless mothers and their children, with in-house social services, management, maintenance, and security.

— low cost housing units

— Employment

— 700+ employees

— office complexes

— 2+ employment centers (1000 plus job placements per year)

Fair distribution of income

— goal of empowerment and enablement

That is quite a list of accomplishments emanating from such a small grass roots group! It is important to note that each item in the line-up has far reaching effects. Occasionally investments similar to one another or new insights surface simultaneously in different parts of the world. To me that is not a coincidence, it is a miracle - strong evidence of the upward spiral of human enterprise.

Happy New Year!

Sister Mary Ellen Bennett, O.P.

Setbacks May Be A Prelude To Better Things

What to one may seem a hopeless endeavor may be the genesis of a great invention. Sometimes it requires strength of character and tenacity to experience what seems futile and strive courageously onward. Setbacks that cast one into the depths of despair have been known to spur one on to almost superhuman effort, and unified with the marvelous intensity of all the finer elements of one's nature, have enabled one to serve as a gleam throughout to others on the field of a seeming failure.

Setbacks may sometimes be a turning point, a pivot point, a point that swings us to higher levels. It may be new draught of spiritual, moral, or mental inspiration that will change us, our lives, for the better. It may be the revelation of a way, a path hitherto unknown to us, transforming stumbling blocks into stepping stones.

Botanists tell us that it is at night that plants grow best, that they increase in size, and a setback might be prophetic to man of the time that he may grow best, throughout the darkness of what he might deem failure.

When we trace back through the genealogy of our experiences from sorrow and failure, that which gives us the most happiness today may be inextricably connected with what once had its source among the gloomy recesses of what we then deemed a setback.

The rocky way may, in the long run, prove safer than the slippery path of smoothness. Birds cannot fly best with the wind but against it; ships do not progress in calm when

there is no confronting wind and when the sails flap limply against the masts. Life may be a successive unfolding of success from failure, and setbacks are but episodes on a man's life, not the whole story. The failure of the alchemists of old to transmute base metals into gold resulted in the birth of chemistry. Believing that by sailing westward he could reach India, Columbus failed, but the discovery of America was a greater success than was finding a westward route to India.

There is a biblical account of a man of great wealth and social position, imbued with loyalty to and trust in God, who had setbacks personal and economic. Robbed by Satan of his wealth, health, and children by death, and then told by his wife to curse God because of his plight, Job cried out "though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." (Job 13:15). His setbacks were a prelude to better things to come, for God healed Job, doubled his wealth, restored his health, increased his life span, and blessed him with many children. For those with high ideals and noble efforts, engaged in honest and true work with constant and sincere purpose, living with the highest spiritual aims and in constant harmony with them, setbacks may be a prelude to better things to come.

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Are You A Leader?

The New Community Network Leadership Development Institute was established in the Fall of '87. There are 35 graduates from the three sessions that have been offered to date.

It is a valuable experience for people with leadership potential. We hope that the graduates will become an active and visible group willing to represent the Network.

The Basic Program consists of eight two-hour sessions, one every week for eight weeks. Each session has three segments. First a member of the Network presents an issue that our people may want to pursue. After that, Sr. Doris Ann Bowles, former Director of Operations for NCC, presently Principal of Mt. St. Dominic Academy in Caldwell, NJ, explains various communications skills and qualities of leadership.

Sr. Doris Ann is an extremely talented teacher and the participants are very responsive to her.

In the third segment there is an opportunity to practice the skills presented, in pairs, small groups, or

a large group.

A special graduation celebration concludes the two month experience.

Last year we introduced a follow-up to the basic series. This is a monthly meeting in which one of the Network's new projects is presented, as well as another topic of interest to leaders.

Child care and transportation are provided for all these sessions.

Recruiting for the Leadership Development Institute is an on-going project. We intend to offer the Basic Series twice every year, in Spring and Fall, and Graduate Sessions in some months when the Basic Series is not in session. Every time we gather a group of thirty people from the New Community, Babyland, St. Rose of Lima Parish Network who are serious about attending, we schedule a Basic Series.

Plans are now being made for the Spring Session. If you think you qualify, please give serious thought to attending. Call Sister Service at 623-6114 if you have any questions.

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Reading Celebration Can Earn Kids Skills, Prizes

A winter reading campaign being launched by New Community Youth Department will remind children — and their parents — that reading for pleasure brings rewards. Children who set aside time for reading each day will gain powerful literacy skills and motivation — and the national winner will receive a trip to Washington, D.C.

Called "In Celebration of Reading," the campaign is sponsored by Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), the nation's largest reading-motivation program. This year's campaign, expected to attract a half million participating children, is underwritten by the Metropolitan Life Foundation.

During the two weeks of "In Celebration of Reading," January 28-February 10, children will be encouraged by their schools and families to read on their own for a particular time period keyed to the abilities of their age group. Upbeat activities such as Book Hunt will reinforce the message that reading is fun, and children reaching the reading goal can enter their names in a drawing for a local RIF Reader. The NCC winner will be honored at a

special ceremony. Prizes for the RIF Reader will be donated by local businesses.

The winner's name is also entered in a national drawing that will be held in April in Washington, D.C., to select the 1990 National RIF Reader and 10 runners-up. The National RIF Reader will be brought to Washington, D.C. for Reading Is Fun Week (April 22 to 28) and will be awarded an array of prizes, including a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond, a word processor, and a personal collection of books. Last year's winner was honored at a special ceremony with First Lady Barbara Bush and appeared with Mrs. Bush on national television.

According to Cynthia Leland, "In Celebration of Reading" gives our kids a much-needed mid-winter boost. They're reminded that reading can be fun. Once they learn that, they're much more likely to keep reading and acquire advanced reading skills."

To donate prizes for the local RIF Reader, or for further information, contact Sister Connie Kelly at 623-6114.



The RIF-Reading Program has resulted in New Community children making good use of nearby Springfield Branch Library.

Very Special Grandparents

Adopt a grandparent? What a wonderful idea! This was the response of Mrs. Joyce Cook when asked by Mr. Woodson, 4th grade teacher at Saint Rose of Lima School in regard to implementing this program at her NC Manor Seniors building located on Orange Street.

Mr. Woodson's entire class is involved in the year-long program whereby children will adopt a senior in the nearby building. Thanksgiving and Christmas became more meaningful for both children and seniors as they displayed the true meaning

of these special days, giving and sharing.

Adopted grandparents and students gathered for a special program at children prepared and performed under the direction of their teacher, Mr. Woodson. The adopted grandparents were then presented with a gift.

Joyce Cook, manager at NC Manor Seniors, expressed their appreciation for the project and is looking forward to other activities involving students and seniors.

FACTS ABOUT THE NEW COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

1. You are eligible to be a member if you are one of the following:
 - New Community Corporation Employee
 - Babylon Nursery Employee
 - Babylon Nursery Parent
 - St. Rose School Employee
 - St. Rose School Parent
 - St. Rose Church Member
 - Extended Health Care Facility Employee
 - New Community Resident
 - Gateway Cable Employee
 - Community Foodbank Employee
2. Members of your family are also entitled to join the Credit Union.
3. You can obtain personal and car loans at lower interest rates than most banks and other financial institutions.
4. You can maintain savings account and pay your loan through payroll deductions.

5. You can consolidate your outstanding loans from other institutions through the Credit Union.
6. You can still maintain your membership with all the benefits after you leave the employment of the NCC Network, Gateway Cable or Community Foodbank.

For more information come in the St. Joseph Plaza, 323 West Market Street, Newark, New Jersey or call (201) 623-2800 Ext. 208, 209 or 294 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

WHY DON'T YOU DO IT TODAY?



Senior Activity Calendar

- Feb. 9 Van trip to Peddlers Square 5:00-10:00 a.m. from senior buildings and D. Harrison
- Feb. 10 Van trip to NYC to see "Zora Neal Hurston" at American Place Theatre. Tickets \$10.00 for transportation and show. Leave 10:00 a.m. Lunch before show (time permitting).
- Feb. 13 Senior Advisory Council 11:30 a.m. at NC Associates
- Feb. 13 Valentine Concert at NC Commons 2:30 p.m. Courtesy of Newark Dept. of Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

- Feb. 14 Lifestory Players perform at NC Manor's Valentine Celebrations. Donations \$1.00, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- Feb. 16 Valentine Concert at NC Douglas 2:30 p.m. courtesy of Newark Department of Rec. & Cultural Affairs.
- Feb. 19 President's Day - Holiday
- Feb. 21 Cultural Dining at NC Manor, bring a native dish, 5:00 p.m.
- Feb. 26 Brown Bag Day March 9 Van trip to Red Lobster, 11:00 a.m. 50¢. Cost of meal separate.

* For more information on any of the above contact Joyce Cook at 623-6299.

Youths Remember Martin Luther King, Jr.

The life of a great civil rights leader and his dreams were remembered recently at the words "Dr. Martin Luther King, Peace and Freedom" continue to echo in the New Community teen lounge.

The youngsters, over a two week period in January participated in activities celebrating the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. Some of these activities included making posters, projects, and listening to stories from history. Some youngsters created a little entertainment for the Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund dinner at NC Gardens. We even had our own birthday dinner to celebrate this great man.

Along with the stories shared by the Vista volunteers, the film "Martin Luther King, Jr. from Montgomery to Memphis" was made available. It is our hope to keep his dream alive.

St. Connie Kelly

Youth Activities Are Available

The Youth Department of New Community would like to remind you of some of our activities. Don't let boredom get in your way; or lead you into trouble. The Youth Department is here for you.

• The Newton Street Gym is open Monday and Wednesday for the boys; Friday it is used for the girls.

• Boy's and Girl's basketball teams are being formed.

The teen lounge is now open every night from 6:00-8:00 p.m. There is cooking class on Tuesday.

• On Fridays there is open recreation, showing of movies, skating, etc.

Come join the fun.

St. Connie Kelly

A Special Treat

February 14th draws near. Where will you take your Valentine this year?

Some place easy to reach, not too far. Arrive by bus, cab or safely park your car.

Put on your finery. Make a date at the Priory.

Come to the Plaza, St. Joe's. We'll greet you with a rose.

Then show you to your seats. And introduce you to a seven course feast.

While splitting your roll A minstrel will stroll.

Playing songs of love. As stained glass splendor shines above.

If you like what I've said Put on a touch of red.

And take that someone special to a romantic place to eat.

The Priory Restaurant at 233 West Market Street.

Joyce Cook

Student Of The Month

January student of the month is Devin Heburn. Devin, a student at Newton Street School, is nine years old and a member of the fourth grade class. Mrs. Harper, the VISTA volunteer who works with him every day at the After School Program, has only good things to say about him. Whether it be his work or actions the results are good.

Devin is a fan of football, his favorite sport. In school it is spelling that interests him the most. Keep up the good work Devin.

Congratulations!

New Community Home Health Care

Currently providing services in the home to over 160 clients and families throughout Newark and Essex Orange.

• MEDICAID and H.C.E.P. (Home Care Extension Program) Provider of Personal Care Services and Bath Services and a C.C.P.E.D. (Community Care Project For The Elderly and Disabled) Provider of Homemaking Services.

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Autumn Stages To Visit NC Manor

On February 14, 1990, members of Autumn Stages, Lifesky Theater, a touring theatrical group of older adults, will perform at New Community Manor Senior, 545 Orange Street, Newark in The Community Room from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Members of the non-profit troupe will share memories of their lives their "lifestories" in a repertoire of narratives, mime, scenes, songs and dances. These senior performers (up to age 86) take their show on the road one or more times a week to involve audiences at nursing homes, recen-

in old songs and dances."

Launched in 1985, Autumn Stages is the only program of its kind in New Jersey, and one of only five similar programs in the nation. As well as its performances for senior groups across the state, the program also includes extensive professional outreach efforts through weekly workshops for older adult groups led by professional staff artists. Educational programs for other professionals in the gerontological field are also run by Autumn Stages leaders in the techniques of Participatory Lifestyle Theater.



Members of Autumn Stages, Senior Lifesky Theater, enact a story of a mother and her brood of children.

tional centers and other senior sites throughout New Jersey, 42 weeks a year.

As in all of their performances, troupe members not only will enact episodes from their own lives, but also draw out and improvise material from their audience's lifestories, right on the spot. Dr. Rosilyn Wilder, Artistic Director of Autumn Stages, explains, "within the framework of a lifestory, we improvise dialogue and interchange roles. The show at NC Manor Senior, as all of our shows, will be a participatory one, filled with much opportunity for seniors to share their memories and relive the immeasurable changes and experiences their lives contain. And everyone, even those in wheelchairs, takes part

This year, Autumn Stages and its Director, Dr. Wilder, were presented with the prestigious Robert Farnsworth Award for Excellence by the Northeastern Gerontological Society, a six-state professional organization.

Funding for Autumn Stages is made possible in part by a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State. Other major contributors include the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation; Hoffman La Roche; The Fund Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce; N.J. Bell; and other "Friends of the Elders."

Anyone wishing information about any of the Autumn Stages programs should call (201) 746-6184.

Eleventh Anniversary For Gospel Chorus

There were well-wishers from NC Associates building, from other Gospel Chorus and from the City Council to celebrate the eleventh anniversary of the Inspirational Gospel Chorus of New Community Associates. Councilman George Branch and his wife, Bishop Long and his chorus, Rev. Coleman, the 140 Gospel Chorus, Little Clint and the Gospel Extremes were some of the many friends who came to the Saturday evening, January 27th event.

Honored at the celebration was Mr. Joe Chaneyfield who was presented with a plaque for his work in forming the Inspirational Gospel Chorus at 180. Assisted by Ellen Watson and Mr. Booker, Associates' manager at the time, Mr. Chaneyfield is credited with beginning the Gospel Chorus in 1979. From these three auspicious members, desiring to spread happiness through praise of the Lord in song, the chorus grew to its present membership of twenty-two.

Now is the time to say, "Thank you.

We appreciate you," commented Mrs. Watson. "We are very grateful to everyone who has helped to make our anniversary a success and supported us during the year," added Ethel Cummings. God bless you and we thank you.

Under the capable leadership of president Ethel Cummings and other officers Anne Belamy, Marilyn Mason, Willie Sharpe, Ellen Watson, Viola Henry and Sadie Barber, the Gospel Chorus continues to be a source of pride and joy for Associates.

During the year the chorus visited and sang in nine different churches under the direction of their faithful pianist "Mother" Lawrence. When you hear them sing "Lord, I'll go Where You Want me to go. Lord, I'll say what you want me to say, I'm your child," you know this gospel chorus didn't get the name "inspirational" for nothing.

Sr. Kay Coll

An Oversight

Listing our Christmas Season beneficiaries in the last issue of THE CLARION, we failed to mention St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Cedar Grove, whose people sent many love-

ly gifts to NC children and seniors. Here's hoping our old, generous and very loyal friends will forgive us.

The Social Services Staff

International Night Is Your Night!

New Community is a melting pot of people from many cultures, ethnic and religious backgrounds. In a world of so much struggle it is good to see so many living side by side in harmony.

Many times we are near someone but still do not "know" them or what makes each unique. Because we live in a society that kind of expects you to look, act and dress a certain way, many beautiful traditions of dress are put aside, and saved for special occasions.

On Friday, March 30th there will be an "International Night" held at the St. Rose of Lima School Hall, from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

This is an affair to get everyone together and to share, as well as acting as a fund raiser for St. Rose of Lima Church. The evening promises

to be full of fun, food and entertainment. There will be a fashion show of all the native costumes of New Community employees and residents, some of whom are from some far away places such as Nigeria, Guyana, Liberia, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Philippines, Guatemala, Haiti, West Indies, Italy, Scotland, France, Canada and of course the U.S. and the American Indians.

A search is presently on for interested persons for the fashion show and for the amateur talent show contest, also for anyone who would like to enter their cake or pie in the baking contest.

At this International Night it will be shown in a spectacular manner that "We are the world."

Joyce Cook

Senior Shape Up

Want to feel better, look better, increase your energy level?

Join the Monday and Wednesday morning Shape-Up Club. The van will pick you up at your building starting at 9:45 a.m. and get you to the spa for an hour of stretching, toning, flexing and relaxing in the whirlpool or sauna at St. Joseph Plaza. You will be picked up for the return trip at 12:30 p.m. which will allow time for a "light" lunch at the Sandwich Shop afterward if you like.

There is no better treatment for muscular aches and pains or arthritis than a good "light" work out. Class size is limited so contact Joyce Cook at 623-6299 to get started on a New Year's resolution of fitness at the New Beginnings Spa and Wellness Center at St. Joseph Plaza, 233 West Market Street. Let Ed and his staff help find the You of the 90's.




Campers - Gear Up!


Want to get away for a while, meet new friends, breathe the fresh air? Then sign up for Summer Camp for Seniors. This year you can choose from two great Salvation Army operated facilities. A familiar one among our regular campers is Camp Tecumseh, located in Pittstown, NJ. It has spacious grounds, comfortable accommodations, a wide variety of daily activities and three meals daily. Cost is \$121.00. You would arrive on a Wednesday morning and leave the following Tuesday. There would be 6 nights. Dates would be July 18 to 24. Deposit of \$20.00 due March 5th. This year Camp Ladore, which is in Pennsylvania, is also available. Camp Ladore features all the beauty of Pennsylvania - train rides, non-stop entertainment, delicious foods, and more. You would arrive on Monday, July 2 after 2 p.m. and leave July 9 by 10 a.m. Spend 7 nights and enjoy 20 meals for \$190.00. A deposit of \$25.00 is due March 20.

Both camps are wheel chair accessible and offer something to please everyone.

Joyce Cook



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HOW MUCH TO JOIN?

- \$80.00 payable in installments. First payment due Feb. 5th of \$20.00 or more. Val. \$120-\$160.
- Various shows will be offered. Choose the ones you wish to see.

INTERESTED?

- What better way to enjoy fine entertainment at only a fraction of the cost.
- With a paid membership there is never the worry about not having the money when a show is offered."

TO JOIN

Contact Joyce Cook (623-6299) at 545 Orange Street or see Social Worker in your building.

***SOME THINGS TO NOTE**

1. Due to the nature of the discount, times and performances will be announced only a few days prior to ticket sale.
2. Seats are filled on a first response basis.
3. A small fee for transportation costs may be required.

SHOWS SEEN DURING 1989!

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- "CHECKMATES"
- "WITH A SONG IN MY HEART"
- "LET THE MUSIC PLAY GOSPEL"

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St. Rose Students Remember A Hero: Dr. King



The students of St. Rose were really overjoyed and enthusiastic about the March.



Mrs. Lockett's third grade class marches with pride for Martin Luther King Jr.



Mr. London's sixth grade class reenacts a scene called "go to the back of the bus," depicting segregation in the South.



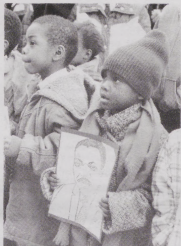
These children proudly display the banner they prepared for the march.

Again the students of St. Rose of Lima School have shown that the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is still alive. The entire week of January 7th was declared Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. week. All activities and studies were centered around the celebration. Class activities were planned by both students and teachers. Students were overjoyed with their roles in keeping the dream alive; so much so, that the third graders in Mrs. Lockett's class had a birthday party in Dr. King's honor. Our sixth grade class, under the direction of their teacher, Mr. London, performed a play for parents, students and staff entitled "I Have a Dream."

Games, plays, poems and other activities assisted teachers in the instruction of events in the life of Dr. King, events and circumstances that the children could only imagine since they were not yet born during his life time. It was not at all difficult for students to understand the plight of Dr. King. The Kindergarten class was asked who Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was. Their responses were, "He was a man of God, he fought for equal rights for all people." "He loved every man like his brother, he wanted people to love one another."

On Thursday, January 11th, the students gathered on the playground for a mass march, culminating with a recitation of Dr. King's speech "I Have a Dream," by Kola Ijola, a sixth grader, on the steps of the Church. The march was led by Mrs. Emily Ross, Vice-Principal and head of the Music Department. The week ended with a prayer service in Dr. King's honor symbolizing the fact that his dream was motivated by his love of God's law.

Yes! the Dream of Martin Luther



History falls on young ears.



Art activities taught lessons.

King, Jr. is alive and well at Saint Rose of Lima School.

The Wonderful Gift Of Self

Saint Rose School is indeed fortunate this year to have been blessed with wonderful people willing to give of themselves and their time for the good of our students. Our computer program is now in progress thanks to Mrs. Frances Scullini and Mrs. Mary Ann Kearney who initiated the help needed to repair old computers and secure parts to make new machines operable. In October 1989 Mrs. Scullini began working with the lower grades establishing curriculum. In the latter part of January the upper grades were added to the program. The children know the importance of computers in today's society and therefore take their instruction very seriously.

Mrs. Scullini comments that children of all age groups enjoy working with

computers. "I enjoy watching and helping them to learn," she said.

A tutorial program has also been established at St. Rose of Lima School. We compliment Mrs. Clare O'Reilly who has graciously volunteered her time to aid students whom teachers feel can use extra assistance in their studies. Students from the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades are presently receiving help in Mathematics and Creative writing. Mrs. O'Reilly finds the challenge of working with children of these particular grades stimulating and is looking forward to working with other grades.

People like Mrs. Scullini and Mrs. O'Reilly give real meaning to the words, "Love is sharing and caring." We at Saint Rose appreciate their wonderful gift of self.



Mrs. Frances Scullini instructs Danika Scales and Danielle Thompson on the computer.